

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) INFORMATION PACKAGE

THE PLAINTIFF MUST SERVE THIS ADR INFORMATION PACKAGE ON EACH PARTY WITH THE COMPLAINT.

CROSS-COMPLAINANTS must serve this ADR Information Package on any new parties named to the action with the cross-complaint.

What is ADR?

ADR helps people find solutions to their legal disputes without going to trial. The main types of ADR are negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and settlement conferences. When ADR is done by phone, videoconference or computer, it may be called Online Dispute Resolution (ODR). These alternatives to litigation and trial are described below.

Advantages of ADR

- Saves Time: ADR is faster than going to trial.
- Saves Money: Parties can save on court costs, attorney's fees, and witness fees.
- Keeps Control (with the parties): Parties choose their ADR process and provider for voluntary ADR.
- Reduces Stress/Protects Privacy: ADR is done outside the courtroom, in private offices, by phone or online.

Disadvantages of ADR

- Costs: If the parties do not resolve their dispute, they may have to pay for ADR, litigation, and trial.
- No Public Trial: ADR does not provide a public trial or decision by a judge or jury.

Main Types of ADR

- 1. **Negotiation:** Parties often talk with each other in person, or by phone or online about resolving their case with a settlement agreement instead of a trial. If the parties have lawyers, they will negotiate for their clients.
- 2. **Mediation:** In mediation, a neutral mediator listens to each person's concerns, helps them evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of their case, and works with them to try to create a settlement agreement that is acceptable to all. Mediators do not decide the outcome. Parties may go to trial if they decide not to settle.

Mediation may be appropriate when the parties

- want to work out a solution but need help from a neutral person.
- have communication problems or strong emotions that interfere with resolution.

Mediation may <u>not</u> be appropriate when the parties

- want a public trial and want a judge or jury to decide the outcome.
- lack equal bargaining power or have a history of physical/emotional abuse.

How to Arrange Mediation in Los Angeles County

Mediation for civil cases is voluntary and parties may select any mediator they wish. Options include:

- a. The Civil Mediation Vendor Resource List
 - If all parties in an active civil case agree to mediation, they may contact these organizations to request a "Resource List Mediation" for mediation at reduced cost or no cost (for selected cases).
 - ADR Services, Inc. Assistant Case Manager Janet Solis, <u>janet@adrservices.com</u> (213) 683-1600
 - Mediation Center of Los Angeles Program Manager info@mediationLA.org (833) 476-9145

These organizations cannot accept every case and they may decline cases at their discretion. They may offer online mediation by video conference for cases they accept. Before contacting these organizations, review important information and FAQs at www.lacourt.org/ADR.Res.List

NOTE: The Civil Mediation Vendor Resource List program does not accept family law, probate, or small claims cases.

 b. Los Angeles County Dispute Resolution Programs. Los Angeles County-funded agencies provide mediation services on the day of hearings in small claims, unlawful detainer (eviction), civil harassment, and limited civil (collections and non-collection) cases. https://dcba.lacounty.gov/countywidedrp/

Online Dispute Resolution (ODR). Parties in small claims and unlawful detainer (eviction) cases should carefully review the Notice and other information they may receive about (ODR) requirements for their case. https://my.lacourt.org/odr/

- c. Mediators and ADR and Bar organizations that provide mediation may be found on the internet.
- 3. **Arbitration:** Arbitration is less formal than trial, but like trial, the parties present evidence and arguments to the person who decides the outcome. In "binding" arbitration, the arbitrator's decision is final; there is no right to trial. In "nonbinding" arbitration, any party can request a trial after the arbitrator's decision. For more information about arbitration, visit https://www.courts.ca.gov/programs-adr.htm
- 4. Mandatory Settlement Conferences (MSC): MSCs are ordered by the Court and are often held close to the trial date or on the day of trial. The parties and their attorneys meet with a judge or settlement officer who does not make a decision but who instead assists the parties in evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of the case and in negotiating a settlement. For information about the Court's MSC programs for civil cases, visit https://www.lacourt.org/division/civil/Cl0047.aspx

Los Angeles Superior Court ADR website: https://www.lacourt.org/division/civil/CI0109.aspx
For general information and videos about ADR, visit http://www.courts.ca.gov/programs-adr.htm

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COHEN WILLIAMS LLP, 724 S. Spring St., 9th	Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90014				
TELEPHONE NO.: (213) 232-5160 E-MAIL ADDRESS: mwilliams@cohen-williams ATTORNEY FOR (Name): Plaintiffs Leon Chen and S	Electronically FILED by Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles				
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF STREET ADDRESS: 1725 Main St. MAILING ADDRESS: 1725 Main St. CITY AND ZIP CODE: Santa Monica 90401 BRANCH NAME: Santa Monica Courthouse	9/05/2023 6:00 PM David W. Slayton, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court, By C. Coleman, Deputy Clerk				
CASE NAME: Leon Chen, et al. v. Marc Fineman, et al.					
CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET	Complex Case Designation	CASE NUMBER:			
X Unlimited Limited	Counter Joinder				
(Amount (Amount demanded is	Filed with first appearance by defendan	t JUDGE:			
exceeds \$25,000) \$25,000 or less)	(Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.402)	DEPT.:			
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	ow must be completed (see instructions o	n page 2).			
1. Check one box below for the case type that					
Auto Tort Auto (22) Uninsured motorist (46) Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort	Contract Breach of contract/warranty (06) Rule 3.740 collections (09) Other collections (09)	Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.400–3.403) Antitrust/Trade regulation (03) Construction defect (10)			
Asbestos (04)	Insurance coverage (18)	Mass tort (40)			
Product liability (24)	Other contract (37)	Securities litigation (28)			
Medical malpractice (45)	Real Property	Environmental/Toxic tort (30) Insurance coverage claims arising from the			
x Other PI/PD/WD (23)	Eminent domain/Inverse	above listed provisionally complex case			
Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort	condemnation (14) Wrongful eviction (33)	types (41)			
Business tort/unfair business practice (07)	Other real property (26)	Enforcement of Judgment			
Civil rights (08)	Unlawful Detainer	Enforcement of judgment (20)			
Defamation (13)	Commercial (31)	Miscellaneous Civil Complaint			
Fraud (16)	Residential (32)	RICO (27)			
Intellectual property (19)	Drugs (38)	Other complaint (not specified above) (42)			
Professional negligence (25)	Judicial Review	Miscellaneous Civil Petition			
Other non-PI/PD/WD tort (35)	Asset forfeiture (05)	Partnership and corporate governance (21)			
Employment	Petition re: arbitration award (11)	Other petition (not specified above) (43)			
Wrongful termination (36)	Writ of mandate (02)				
Other employment (15)	Other judicial review (39)				
2. This case is x is not com	olex under rule 3.400 of the California Ru	les of Court. If the case is complex, mark the			
factors requiring exceptional judicial manage		1 ,			
a. Large number of separately repres		er of witnesses			
b. Extensive motion practice raising of issues that will be time-consuming		with related actions pending in one or more er counties, states, or countries, or in a federal			
c. Substantial amount of documentar	y evidence court f. Substantial p	ostjudgment judicial supervision			
3. Remedies sought (check all that apply): a.	x monetary b. nonmonetary; d	eclaratory or injunctive relief c. x punitive			
4. Number of causes of action (specify): 4					
	ss action suit.				
6. If there are any known related cases, file at	nd serve a notice of related case. (You m	ay use form CM-015.)			
Date: September 5, 2023 Marc S. Williams	$\sim 20^{\circ}$	• ,			
(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)	(81	GNATURE OF PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR PARTY)			
, , ,	NOTICE	·			
• Plaintiff must file this cover sheet with the first paper filed in the action or proceeding (except small claims cases or cases filed under the Probate Code, Family Code, or Welfare and Institutions Code). (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.220.) Failure to file may result in capations.					
	in sanctions.File this cover sheet in addition to any cover sheet required by local court rule.				
If this case is complex under rule 3.400 et seq. of the California Rules of Court, you must serve a copy of this cover sheet on all					
other parties to the action or proceeding. • Unless this is a collections case under rule 3.740 or a complex case, this cover sheet will be used for statistical purposes only.					
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To Plaintiffs and Others Filing First Papers. If you are filing a first paper (for example, a complaint) in a civil case, you must complete and file, along with your first paper, the Civil Case Cover Sheet contained on page 1. This information will be used to compile statistics about the types and numbers of cases filed. You must complete items 1 through 6 on the sheet. In item 1, you must check one box for the case type that best describes the case. If the case fits both a general and a more specific type of case listed in item 1, check the more specific one. If the case has multiple causes of action, check the box that best indicates the **primary** cause of action. To assist you in completing the sheet, examples of the cases that belong under each case type in item 1 are provided below. A cover sheet must be filed only with your initial paper. Failure to file a cover sheet with the first paper filed in a civil case may subject a party, its counsel, or both to sanctions under rules 2.30 and 3.220 of the California Rules of Court.

To Parties in Rule 3.740 Collections Cases. A "collections case" under rule 3.740 is defined as an action for recovery of money owed in a sum stated to be certain that is not more than \$25,000, exclusive of interest and attorney's fees, arising from a transaction in which property, services, or money was acquired on credit. A collections case does not include an action seeking the following: (1) tort damages. (2) punitive damages. (3) recovery of real property. (4) recovery of personal property, or (5) a prejudgment writ of attachment. The identification of a case as a rule 3.740 collections case on this form means that it will be exempt from the general time-for-service requirements and case management rules, unless a defendant files a responsive pleading. A rule 3.740 collections case will be subject to the requirements for service and obtaining a judgment in rule 3.740.

To Parties in Complex Cases. In complex cases only, parties must also use the Civil Case Cover Sheet to designate whether the case is complex. If a plaintiff believes the case is complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court, this must be indicated by completing the appropriate boxes in items 1 and 2. If a plaintiff designates a case as complex, the cover sheet must be served with the complaint on all parties to the action. A defendant may file and serve no later than the time of its first appearance a joinder in the plaintiff's designation, a counter-designation that the case is not complex, or, if the plaintiff has made no designation, a designation that CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES
Contract

the case is complex.

Auto Tort

Auto (22)-Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death Uninsured Motorist (46) (if the case involves an uninsured motorist claim subject to arbitration, check this item instead of Auto)

Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/ Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort

Asbestos (04)

Asbestos Property Damage Asbestos Personal Injury/ Wrongful Death

Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental) (24)

Medical Malpractice (45)

Medical Malpractice-

Physicians & Surgeons

Other Professional Health Care

Malpractice

Other PI/PD/WD (23)

Premises Liability (e.g., slip

and fall)

Intentional Bodily Injury/PD/WD

(e.g., assault, vandalism)

Intentional Infliction of

Emotional Distress

Negligent Infliction of **Emotional Distress**

Other PI/PD/WD

Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort

Business Tort/Unfair Business

Practice (07)

Civil Rights (e.g., discrimination,

false arrest) (not civil harassment) (08)

Defamation (e.g., slander, libel)

(13)

Fraud (16)

Intellectual Property (19)

Professional Negligence (25)

Legal Malpractice

Other Professional Malpractice

(not medical or legal)

Other Non-PI/PD/WD Tort (35)

Employment

Wrongful Termination (36) Other Employment (15)

Breach of Contract/Warranty (06) Breach of Rental/Lease

Contract (not unlawful detainer

or wrongful eviction)

Contract/Warranty Breach-Seller Plaintiff (not fraud or negligence)

Negligent Breach of Contract/

Warranty

Other Breach of Contract/Warranty

Collections (e.g., money owed, open

book accounts) (09)

Collection Case-Seller Plaintiff

Other Promissory Note/Collections

Case

Insurance Coverage (not provisionally

complex) (18)

Auto Subrogation Other Coverage

Other Contract (37)

Contractual Fraud

Other Contract Dispute

Real Property

Eminent Domain/Inverse

Condemnation (14)

Wrongful Eviction (33)

Other Real Property (e.g., quiet title) (26)

Writ of Possession of Real Property

Mortgage Foreclosure

Quiet Title

Other Real Property (not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, or

foreclosure)

Unlawful Detainer

Commercial (31)

Residential (32)

Drugs (38) (if the case involves illegal

drugs, check this item; otherwise,

report as Commercial or Residential)

Judicial Review

Asset Forfeiture (05)

Petition Re: Arbitration Award (11)

Writ of Mandate (02)

Writ-Administrative Mandamus

Writ-Mandamus on Limited Court

Case Matter

Writ-Other Limited Court Case

Review

Other Judicial Review (39)

Review of Health Officer Order

Notice of Appeal-Labor Commissioner Appeals

Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court Rules 3.400-3.403)

Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)

Construction Defect (10)

Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)

Securities Litigation (28)

Environmental/Toxic Tort (30)

Insurance Coverage Claims

(arising from provisionally complex

case type listed above) (41)

Enforcement of Judgment

Enforcement of Judgment (20)

Abstract of Judgment (Out of

County)

Confession of Judgment (non-

domestic relations)

Sister State Judgment

Administrative Agency Award

(not unpaid taxes)

Petition/Certification of Entry of

Judgment on Unpaid Taxes

Other Enforcement of Judgment

Miscellaneous Civil Complaint

RICO (27)

Other Complaint (not specified

above) (42)

Declaratory Relief Only

Injunctive Relief Only (non-

harassment)

Mechanics Lien

Other Commercial Complaint

Case (non-tort/non-complex)

Other Civil Complaint

(non-tort/non-complex)

Miscellaneous Civil Petition

Partnership and Corporate Governance (21)

Other Petition (not specified

above) (43)

Civil Harassment

Workplace Violence Elder/Dependent Adult

Abuse

Election Contest

Petition for Name Change

Petition for Relief From Late

Claim

Other Civil Petition

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CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET ADDENDUM AND STATEMENT OF LOCATION

(CERTIFICATE OF GROUNDS FOR ASSIGNMENT TO COURTHOUSE LOCATION)

This form is required pursuant to Local Rule 2.3 in all new civil case filings in the Los Angeles Superior Court

- **Step 1:** After completing the Civil Case Cover Sheet (Judicial Council form CM-010), find the exact case type in Column A that corresponds to the case type indicated in the Civil Case Cover Sheet.
- **Step 2:** In Column B, check the box for the type of action that best describes the nature of the case.
- **Step 3:** In Column C, circle the number which explains the reason for the court filing location you have chosen.

	Applicable Reasons for Choosing Courthouse Location (Column C)				
1.	Class Actions must be filed in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Central District.	7.	Location where petitioner resides.		
2.	Permissive filing in Central District.	8.	Location wherein defendant/respondent functions wholly.		
3.	Location where cause of action arose.	9.	Location where one or more of the parties reside.		
4.	Location where bodily injury, death or damage occurred.	10.	Location of Labor Commissioner Office.		
5.	Location where performance required, or defendant resides.	11.	Mandatory filing location (Hub Cases – unlawful detainer, limited non-collection, limited collection).		
6.	Location of property or permanently garaged vehicle.		non-conection, innited conection).		

	A Civil Case Cover Sheet Case Type	B Type of Action (check only one)	C Applicable Reasons (see
Auto Tort	Auto (22)	☐ 2201 Motor Vehicle – Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	Step 3 above) 1, 4
Auto	Uninsured Motorist (46)	☐ 4601 Uninsured Motorist – Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1, 4
erty	Other Personal Injury/ Property	☐ 2301 Premise Liability (e.g., dangerous conditions of property, slip/trip and fall, dog attack, etc.)	1, 4
y/ Property ul Death	Damage/ Wrongful Death (23)	☐ 2302 Intentional Bodily Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death (e.g., assault, battery, vandalism, etc.)	1, 4
ner Personal Injury/ Damage/ Wrongful		☐ 2303 Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress	1, 4
rsona ge/ M		☐ 2304 Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1,4
Other Personal Injury/ Damage/ Wrongful		☐ 2305 Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse/Claims Against Skilled Nursing Facility	1, 4
0		☐ 2306 Intentional Conduct – Sexual Abuse Case (in any form)	1, 4

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	A Civil Case Cover	B Type of Action	C Applicable
	Sheet Case Type	(check only one)	Reasons (see Step 3 above)
		☐ 2307 Construction Accidents	1, 4
		☐ 2308 Landlord – Tenant Habitability (e.g., bed bugs, mold, etc.)	1, 4
e/ n	Product Liability (24)	☐ 2401 Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/ environmental)	1, 4
Other Personal Injury/ Property Damage/ Wrongful Death		☐ 2402 Product Liability — Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act (CA Civil Code §§1790-1795.8) (Lemon Law)	
er Per opert Vrong	Medical Malpractice (45)	☐ 4501 Medical Malpractice – Physicians & Surgeons	1, 4
Othe Pr	(10)	☐ 4502 Other Professional Health Care Malpractice	1, 4
Non-Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death Tort	Business Tort (07)	☐ 0701 Other Commercial/Business Tort (not fraud or breach of contract)	1, 2, 3
al erty ul D	Civil Rights (08)	□ 0801 Civil Rights/Discrimination	1, 2, 3
Non-Personal Injury/Property age/Wrongful D Tort	Defamation (13)	☐ 1301 Defamation (slander/libel)	1, 2, 3
-Pers y/Pro Wron Tort	Fraud (16)	☐ 1601 Fraud (no contract)	1, 2, 3
Non njur ge/\	Professional	☐ 2501 Legal Malpractice	1, 2, 3
lr ma	Negligence (25)	☐ 2502 Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal)	1, 2, 3
De	Other (35)	☐ 3501 Other Non-Personal Injury/Property Damage Tort	1, 2, 3
nent	Wrongful Termination (36)	☐ 3601 Wrongful Termination	1, 2, 3
Employment	Other Employment (15)	☐ 1501 Other Employment Complaint Case	1, 2, 3
Em		☐ 1502 Labor Commissioner Appeals	10
	Breach of Contract / Warranty (06)	☐ 0601 Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction)	2, 5
	(not insurance)	☐ 0602 Contract/Warranty Breach – Seller Plaintiff (no fraud/negligence)	2, 5
		☐ 0603 Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty (no fraud)	1, 2, 5
+		☐ 0604 Other Breach of Contract/Warranty (no fraud/ negligence)	1, 2, 5
Contract		☐ 0605 Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (COVID-19 Rental Debt)	2, 5
Con	Collections (09)	☐ 0901 Collections Case — Seller Plaintiff	5, 6, 11
		☐ 0902 Other Promissory Note/Collections Case	5, 11
		☐ 0903 Collections Case — Purchased Debt (charged off consumer debt purchased on or after January 1, 2014)	5, 6, 11
		□ 0904 Collections Case – COVID-19 Rental Debt	5, 11
	Insurance Coverage (18)	☐ 1801 Insurance Coverage (not complex)	1, 2, 5, 8

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	Civil Case Cover	Type of Action	Applicable
	Sheet Case Type	(check only one)	Reasons (see
	Other Contract (37)	☐ 3701 Contractual Fraud	Step 3 above) 1, 2, 3, 5
Continued)		□ 3702 Tortious Interference	1, 2, 3, 5
Contract (Continued)		☐ 3703 Other Contract Dispute (not breach/insurance/fraud/	1, 2, 3, 8, 9
0 0		negligence)	, , =, =, =
	Eminent Domain/	☐ 1401 Eminent Domain/Condemnation	2, 6
	Inverse	Number of Parcels	
Real Property	Condemnation (14) Wrongful Eviction (33)	☐ 3301 Wrongful Eviction Case	2, 6
P.	Other Real	☐ 2601 Mortgage Foreclosure	2, 6
Rea	Property (26)	☐ 2602 Quiet Title	2, 6
		☐ 2603 Other Real Property (not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, foreclosure)	2, 6
70	Unlawful Detainer – Commercial (31)	☐ 3101 Unlawful Detainer – Commercial (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	6, 11
Detaine	Unlawful Detainer – Residential (32)	☐ 3201 Unlawful Detainer – Residential (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	6, 11
Unlawful Detainer	Unlawful Detainer – Post Foreclosure (34)	□ 3401 Unlawful Detainer – Post Foreclosure	2, 6, 11
	Unlawful Detainer – Drugs (38)	□ 3801 Unlawful Detainer – Drugs	2, 6, 11
	Asset Forfeiture (05)	□ 0501 Asset Forfeiture Case	2, 3, 6
	Petition re Arbitration (11)	☐ 1101 Petition to Compel/Confirm/Vacate Arbitration	2, 5
iew	Writ of Mandate	□ 0201 Writ – Administrative Mandamus	2, 8
Re	(02)	□ 0202 Writ – Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter	2
Judicial Review		☐ 0203 Writ – Other Limited Court Case Review	2
pnſ	Other Judicial Review (39)	☐ 3901 Other Writ/Judicial Review	2, 8
	Neview (33)	☐ 3902 Administrative Hearing	2, 8
		☐ 3903 Parking Appeal	2, 8
nally ex on	Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)	□ 0301 Antitrust/Trade Regulation	1, 2, 8
Provisionally Complex Litigation	Asbestos (04)	□ 0401 Asbestos Property Damage	1, 11
Prc C Li		□ 0402 Asbestos Personal Injury/Wrongful Death	1, 11

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	Civil Case Cover Sheet Case Type	Type of Action (check only one)	Applicable Reasons (see Step 3 above)
	Construction Defect (10)	☐ 1001 Construction Defect	1, 2, 3
mplex	Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)	☐ 4001 Claims Involving Mass Tort	1, 2, 8
ionally Co Litigation (Continued)	Securities Litigation (28)	☐ 2801 Securities Litigation Case	1, 2, 8
Provisionally Complex Litigation (Continued)	Toxic Tort Environmental (30)	□ 3001 Toxic Tort/Environmental	1, 2, 3, 8
Prov	Insurance Coverage Claims from Complex Case (41)	☐ 4101 Insurance Coverage/Subrogation (complex case only)	1, 2, 5, 8
	Enforcement of	□ 2001 Sister State Judgment	2, 5, 11
int of	Judgment (20)	□ 2002 Abstract of Judgment	2, 6
forcement Judgment		☐ 2004 Administrative Agency Award (not unpaid taxes)	2, 8
Enforcement of Judgment		☐ 2005 Petition/Certificate for Entry of Judgment Unpaid Tax	2, 8
		□ 2006 Other Enforcement of Judgment Case	2, 8, 9
ij	RICO (27)	☐ 2701 Racketeering (RICO) Case	1, 2, 8
us Civ	Other Complaints	☐ 4201 Declaratory Relief Only	1, 2, 8
neou plair	(not specified above) (42)	☐ 4202 Injunctive Relief Only (not domestic/harassment)	2, 8
Miscellaneous Civil Complaints		☐ 4203 Other Commercial Complaint Case (nontort/noncomplex)	1, 2, 8
Σ		☐ 4204 Other Civil Complaint (non-tort/non-complex)	1, 2, 8
ons	Partnership Corporation Governance (21)	☐ 2101 Partnership and Corporation Governance Case	2, 8
etiti	Other Petitions	☐ 4301 Civil Harassment with Damages	2, 3, 9
ivi H	(not specified above) (43)	☐ 4302 Workplace Harassment with Damages	2, 3, 9
Miscellaneous Civil Petitions		☐ 4303 Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse Case with Damages	2, 3, 9
aneo		☐ 4304 Election Contest	2
cella		☐ 4305 Petition for Change of Name/Change of Gender	2, 7
Mis		☐ 4306 Petition for Relief from Late Claim Law	2, 3, 8
		☐ 4307 Other Civil Petition	2, 9

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Step 4: Statement of Reason and Address: Check the appropriate boxes for the numbers shown under Column C for the type of action that you have selected. Enter the address, which is the basis for the filing location including zip code. (No address required for class action cases.)

REASON: □ 1. □ 2. □ 3. ☑ 4. □ 5. □ 6. □ 7. □ 8. □ 9. □ 10. □ 11			ADDRESS:	2798 Ellison Drive
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:		
Beverly Hills	CA	90210		

Step 5: Certification of Assignment: I certify that this case is properly filed in the West Judicial District of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles [Code of Civ. Proc., 392 et seq., and LASC Local Rule 2.3(a)(1)(E)]

Dated: 09/05/2023

(SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY/FILING PARTY

PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS COMPLETED AND READY TO BE FILED IN ORDER TO PROPERLY COMMENCE YOUR NEW COURT CASE:

- 1. Original Complaint or Petition.
- 2. If filing a Complaint, a completed Summons form for issuance by the Clerk.
- 3. Civil Case Cover Sheet Judicial Council form CM-010.
- 4. Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum and Statement of Location form LASC CIV 109 (01/23).
- 5. Payment in full of the filing fee, unless there is a court order for waiver, partial or schedule payments.
- 6. A signed order appointing a Guardian ad Litem, Judicial Council form CIV-010, if the plaintiff or petitioner is a minor under 18 years of age will be required by Court to issue a Summons.
- 7. Additional copies of documents to be conformed by the Clerk. Copies of the cover sheet and this addendum must be served along with the Summons and Complaint, or other initiating pleading in the case.

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SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

MARC FINEMAN, an individual; MARC FINEMAN, a co-trustee of FINEMAN FAMILY TRUST; AVITAL FINEMAN, an individual; AVITAL FINEMAN, a co-trustee of FINEMAN FAMILY TRUST; and DOES 1-50

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

LEON CHEN, an individual; and SARAH CHEN, an individual

FOR COURT USE ONLY (SOLO PARA USO DE LA CORTE)

Electronically FILED by Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles 9/05/2023 6:00 PM David W. Slayton, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court, By C. Coleman, Deputy Clerk

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

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Santa Monica Courthouse; 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401

CASE NUMBER: (Número del Caso):

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The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):					
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COMPLAINT

Plaintiffs Leon Chen and Sarah Chen (collectively, the "Chens" or "Plaintiffs") hereby allege:

INTRODUCTION

- 1. Leon and Sarah Chen achieved what many people in this world want. They got married. They started a family. And they bought a home in a quiet residential area in the City of Los Angeles near Beverly Hills, California. They have two children: one was 4-years old at the time of the horrific events that give rise to this case; the other was 4-months old.
- 2. On January 28, 2023, in the middle of the night, around 2:30 a.m., the Chens were awoken by gunshots, screams of terror, shouting, and knocks at their door by fleeing victims. Bullets sprayed across the Chens' property, including one that flew through their front window, merely feet away from their 4-year-old's bedroom, which hit one of the Chens' bedroom walls.
- 3. Three people were killed that night from gunshot wounds. The three had rented the house next door to the Chens for the weekend.
- 4. The shooting, murders, and bedlam on January 28, 2023, were the culmination of a year-long series of disturbances in the neighborhood, all emanating from the house next door to the Chens. At the time of the shooting on January 28, that house the "*Fineman Property*" was owned by Defendants Marc and Avital Fineman, either individually or through the Fineman Family Trust of which they are the two co-trustees (collectively, the "Finemans").
- 5. The Finemans had moved out of the Fineman Property approximately one year before the shootings and murders on January 28, 2023, and elected to list the house for short-term rentals. To do so, on information and belief, the Finemans engaged the services of a third-party agent to manage the short-term rentals ("DOE 1"). What ensued was a stream of short-term renters moving in and out of the Fineman Property, loud parties, drug use, traffic, and other disturbances about which the Chens and their neighbors complained to the Finemans on multiple occasions. The disturbances did not stop and culminated in the horror that occurred on January 28, 2023. This kind of party-house use of the Fineman Property is not what the Chens expected when they bought their dream home, and it is not what the City of Los Angeles allows under the Ordinance governing short-term rentals.
- 6. As a result of Defendants' violations of law, their negligence, and the nuisance they created, the Chens have suffered damages in the form of property damage, costs of installing security

measures, loss in value of their home, medical expenses, and emotional distress. They seek compensation from the defendants in this action for all of those damages.

PARTIES

- 7. Plaintiff Leon Chen is an individual residing in Los Angeles, California, and is the coowner of the house next door to the Fineman Property.
- 8. Plaintiff Sarah Chen is an individual residing in Los Angeles, California; she is married to Leon Chen and is the other co-owner of the house next door to the Fineman Property.
- 9. Defendant Marc Fineman is an individual residing, on information and belief, in Miami, Florida. Mr. Fineman was the co-owner or the Fineman Property at all times relevant to this action. On information and belief, Mr. Fineman owned the Fineman Property either individually or through the Fineman Family Trust of which he is one of two co-trustees. Mr. Fineman is sued individually and as trustee of the Fineman Family Trust.
- 10. Defendant Avital Fineman is an individual residing, on information and belief, in Miami, Florida. On information and belief, Mrs. Fineman is married to Mr. Fineman and was the other co-owner or the Fineman Property at all times relevant to this action. On information and belief, Mrs. Fineman owned the Fineman Property either individually or through the Fineman Family Trust of which she is the other co-trustee. Mrs. Fineman is sued individually and as trustee of the Fineman Family Trust.
- 11. The true name and capacity, whether individual, corporate, or otherwise, of the defendant named as DOE 1 is unknown to Plaintiffs, who therefore sue DOE 1 by such fictitious name pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 474. Plaintiffs will amend this Complaint to set forth the true name and capacity of DOE 1 when they are ascertained. On information and belief, DOE 1 was acting as an agent of the Finemans at all times relevant to this action. On information and belief, the Finemans retained DOE 1 to manage short-term rentals of the Fineman Property on their behalf.
- 12. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, or otherwise, of defendants named as DOES 2 through 50, inclusive, are unknown to Plaintiffs, who therefore sue these defendants by such fictitious names pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 474. Plaintiffs will amend this Complaint to set forth the true names and capacities of DOES 2 through 50 when they are

ascertained. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that each of these defendants participated in all or some of the acts as alleged herein and are liable to Plaintiffs.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 13. This Court has jurisdiction over the Finemans and DOE 1 because the Fineman Property, where the incident arose, is located in the Beverly Hills area of Los Angeles County, California.
- 14. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 395(a), because the Fineman Property, where the incident arose, is located in in the Beverly Hills area of Los Angeles County, California.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 15. In the early morning on January 28, 2023, a mass shooting took place at a gathering among the short-term rental tenants at the Fineman Property. Three individuals were brutally murdered and others were injured. Needless to say, the mass shooting and murders were and continue to be a highly traumatic and damaging event for Mr. and Mrs. Chen and their two young children, all of whom were in their home next door to the Fineman Property during the incident. Not only was the Chen family awoken by the shocking sound of gunfire, the horrifying sound of victims screaming, and desperate knocks and pounding at their door by people fleeing the scene, but bullets hit their home, including one that was shot through their front window merely feet away from the bedroom of their 4-year-old son. Blood was splattered on and around the Chens' property. The kids saw blood and body parts and shot-up property. And in the 18 hours or so after the shooting, the Chens' home was a crime scene with police officers, detectives, a forensics team, and reporters on or around their property.
- 16. The January 28 incident at the Fineman Property was not the first shooting in the area at a short-term rental property. Prior to the shooting at the Fineman Property, on information and belief, there had been at least two other recent shootings at short-term rental properties in the area. Nor was the shooting on January 28 the first disturbance emanating from short-term tenants occupying the Fineman Property. There had been multiple instances in which short-term tenants of the Fineman Property had engaged in drug use, loud music, revving of car engines, yelling, profanities, and other conduct unfit for the neighborhood. Prior to the January 28 incident, the Finemans had received multiple complaints

about such instances from neighbors, and the police had visited the property on at least one occasion to investigate such disturbances.

DEFENDANTS' VIOLATION OF THE HOME-SHARING ORDINANCE

- 17. At the time of the shooting, the Finemans, aided by DOE 1, had been leasing the Fineman Property for short-term rentals in violation of Los Angeles County's Home-Sharing Ordinance (Ordinance No. 185931).
- 18. The Home-Sharing Ordinance includes a provision entitled, "Prohibitions." *See* Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) § 12.22A32(d). Under that heading, Subsection 1 states: "No Person shall offer, advertise, book, facilitate or engage in Home Sharing or Short-Term Rental activity in a manner that does not comply with this subdivision." LAMC § 12.22A32(d)(1). Under Subsection 2 of the Prohibitions heading, the Ordinance states: "A Host may not participate in Home-Sharing unless all advertisements clearly list the City-issued Home Sharing registration number or pending registration status number." LAMC § 12.22A32(d)(2). The Finemans and DOE 1 were in violation of both Subsections 1 and 2 of Section 12.22A32(d) at the time of the incident on January 28, 2023.

A. Defendants' Violation of Subsection 1 of the Prohibitions

- 19. Both the Finemans and DOE 1"offer[ed], advertise[d], book[ed], facilitate[d] or engage[d] in . . . Short-Term Rental activity in a manner that does not comply with" the Ordinance in violation of LAMC Section 12.22A32(d)(1).
- 20. First, the Finemans and DOE 1 are within the class of people covered by the prohibition set forth in Section 12.22A32(d)(1). That section applies broadly to a "Person" who offers, advertises, books, facilitates or engages in Short-Term Rental activity. Under the Ordinance, "Person" has "the same meaning as that term is defined in Section 21.7.2" of the LAMC. Section 21.7.2 states: "'Person' means any individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, social club, fraternal organization, joint stock company, corporation, estate, trust, business trust, receiver, trustee, syndicate or any other

¹ Short-Term Rental is defined in the Ordinance as follows: "A Rental Unit, rented in whole or in part, to any Person(s) for transient use of 30 consecutive days or less. Rental Units within City-approved Hotels, motels, Transient Occupancy Residential Structures and Bed and Breakfasts shall not be considered a Short-Term Rental."

group or combination acting as a unit." Thus, each of the Finemans (whether individually or as trustees of the Fineman Family Trust) and DOE 1 (whether an entity or individual) are "Persons" within the meaning of the prohibition expressed under Section 12.22A32(d)(1). So long as the Finemans and DOE 1 offered, advertised, booked, facilitated or engaged in Short-Term Rental activity in a manner that does not comply with the Ordinance, they are in violation of the law.

- 21. Second, the Finemans and DOE 1 did "offer, advertise, book, facilitate or engage in Short-Term Rental activity." Indeed, the Finemans not only knew that their home was being offered, advertised, and booked for Short-Term Rentals, but, on information and belief, they entered into an agreement with DOE 1 for the specific purpose of having DOE 1 offer, advertise, book, facilitate or engage in Short-Term Rentals. Moreover, the Home-Sharing Administrative Guidelines issued by the Department of City Planning make clear that property owners, like the Finemans, are responsible for any violation of the Prohibitions in the Ordinance: "Hosts and/or property owners are responsible for violation of any of the Prohibitions section in the Ordinance as described in Section V above." *See* Guidelines, Section VI.²
- 22. Third, the Finemans' and DOE 1's Short-Term Rental activity was done "in a manner that does not comply with" the Home-Sharing Ordinance.
- 23. The Home-Sharing Ordinance permits Short-Term Rentals only of a "Primary Residence," which is defined in the Ordinance as: "The sole residence from which the Host conducts Home-Sharing and in which the Host resides for more than 6 months of the calendar year." The Fineman Property was not anyone's "sole residence" and nobody had been residing in that residence "for more than 6 months of the calendar year" at the time of the mass shooting and murders on January 28, 2023. Indeed, a Senior Lead Officer for the Los Angeles Police Department informed the Chens that the short-term rental of the Fineman Property had been deemed illegal due to the home owner not living on the property. In addition, the Short-Term Rental activity was done "in a manner that does not comply with" the Home-Sharing Ordinance for another reason nobody registered for Home-Sharing of the

² Section V of the Home-Sharing Administrative Guidelines sets forth the Prohibitions under LAMC § 12.22A32(d).

Fineman Property by filing an application with the Department of City Planning, as required under the Ordinance.

B. Defendants' Violation of Subsection 2 of the Prohibitions

24. The Finemans and DOE 1 also violated LAMC Section 12.22A32(d)(2), which states: "A Host may not participate in Home-Sharing unless all advertisements clearly list the City-issued Home Sharing registration number or pending registration status number." The Finemans and DOE 1 participated in Home-Sharing. Nobody registered the Fineman Property for Home-Sharing with the Department of City Planning. And advertisements for short-term renting of the Fineman Property did not list a City-issued Home-Sharing registration number or pending registration status number, given that no application for registration was ever made. Indeed, as discussed below, the City of Los Angeles cited the Finemans for 10 separate violations of Section 12.22A32(d)(2) – citations that the Finemans have paid and not contested.

C. The City's Warning of the Finemans' Violations of the Home-Sharing Ordinance

- 25. The Finemans' violations of the Home-Sharing Ordinance are particularly egregious because they were put on notice of their violations months before the incident on January 28, 2023. On September 6, 2022, the Home-Sharing Unit of the Department of City Planning sent the Finemans a Notice of Code Violation of Home-Sharing Ordinance (the "First Warning Letter"). The First Warning Letter was specifically addressed to: "FINEMAN, MARC L AND AVITAL TRS, FINEMAN FAMILY TRUST."
- 26. The First Warning Letter informed the Finemans that the Home-Sharing Ordinance became effective on July 1, 2019, and that the Ordinance requires hosts who wish to engage in short-term rental activity to register with the City of Los Angeles, obtain a registration number, and post that number on all advertisements. The First Warning Letter further notified the Finemans that, "as the identified owner or tenant of the above-referenced property, you may be in violation of the Home-Sharing Ordinance (Section 12.22.A.32(1)) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC))." Specifically, the First Warning Letter informed the Finemans that their property had "been identified as Short-Term Rental through advertised listings found on one or more websites that advertise short-term rentals." The First Warning Letter further stated: "It is illegal to rent property in the City on a short-term

term basis (30 or fewer consecutive days) without first obtaining an official registration number from the

2 Los Angeles Department of City Planning (Department)." 3 D.

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Defendants' Failure to Cease Violation of the Home-Sharing Ordinance

27. Notwithstanding the First Warning Letter, the Finemans and DOE 1 did not register with the City of Los Angeles. Nor would they have been eligible to register for Home-Sharing because, as noted, the Fineman Property was not anyone's Principal Residence. The Ordinance requires an applicant to "register for Home-Sharing" by filing an "application with the Department of City Planning." LAMC § 12.22A32(c). The application "shall include," among other things, "information needed to verify the Host's identification and Primary Residence." LAMC § 12.22A32(c)(1). To be eligible for Home-Sharing registration, the proposed Home-Sharing is limited to the Host's Primary Residence, as stated in the portions of the Ordinance quoted below:

Eligibility Requirements. The following requirements must be met at the time of submitting an application for Home-Sharing registration:

(ii) The proposed Home-Sharing is consistent with the provisions of this subdivision and is limited to the Host's Primary Residence.

LAMC § 12.22A32(c)(2)(ii).

28. Thus, notwithstanding the First Warning Letter, the Finemans and DOE 1 continued to engage in illegal Short-Term Rental activity, including on the night and early morning of the incident on January 28, 2023, and the Fineman Property was not even eligible to participate in Short-Term Rentals on that date, given the home was not anyone's Primary Residence.

Ε. The City's Citation of the Finemans for Home-Sharing Ordinance Violations

29. Given the Finemans' continued violation of the Ordinance after receiving the First Warning Letter, unsurprisingly on March 9, 2023, the City of Los Angeles issued a Citation for Violation of Home-Sharing Ordinance to the Finemans, citing the Finemans for 10 separate violations of the Ordinance, specifically for violation of LAMC Section 12.22A32(d)(2). On March 17, 2023, the City of Los Angeles issued an "Official Notice of Administrative Violation and Fine Due" to the Finemans, with an amount due of \$5,275.60 in fines (\$527.56 for each of the 10 violations). On March

28, 2023, the City of Los Angeles issued another "Official Notice of Administrative Violation and Fine Due" to the Finemans, with an amount due of \$5,275.60 in fines (\$527.56 for each of the 10 violations). According to the Los Angeles Planning Department, the citations were not contested and the fines were paid in full.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Against all Defendants for Negligence Per Se)

- 30. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference as if fully set forth here the allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 29.
- 31. Defendants are liable to the Chens under the doctrine of per se negligence because at the time of the shooting and murders Defendants had been leasing the Fineman Property for short-term rentals in violation of Los Angeles County's Home-Sharing Ordinance (Ordinance No. 185931).
- 32. The violation of the Home-Sharing Ordinance proximately caused injury to the Chens personally and to their property. To date, the Chens have suffered damages in the form of property damage, cost of installing security measures, loss in value of their home, medical expenses, emotional distress, and other damages.
- 33. Had Defendants refrained from unlawfully leasing the Fineman Property to short-term tenants, the Chens and their home would not have been damaged.
- 34. The Chens' injuries resulted from an occurrence the nature of which the Home-Sharing Ordinance was designed to prevent. The Ordinance and the specific requirement of the Ordinance that Defendants violated (*i.e.*, that short-term rentals only be permitted in primary residences) could not be clearer that it was designed to prevent exactly the kinds of negative impacts that occurred at the Fineman Property both before and on January 28, 2023. This purpose of the primary residence requirement is expressly stated right up front at the beginning of the Ordinance to avoid the unfavorable consequences of short-term rentals, including negative impacts on the residential character of surrounding neighborhoods and increased nuisance activity:

WHEREAS, short-term rentals in property other than a primary residence create unfavorable consequences, *including negative impacts on the residential character of surrounding* neighborhoods and increased nuisance activity

(Emphasis added.)

35. The Home-Sharing Ordinance reiterates this "purpose" in the following clause, which was incorporated as Subdivision 32 of Section 12.22 A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code:

Purpose. The purpose of this subdivision is to allow for the efficient use and sharing of a residential structure which is a Host's Primary Residence, without detracting from the surrounding residential character or the City's available housing stock.

(Emphasis added.)

- 36. Thus, the City of Los Angeles was aware that short-term rentals have negative impacts on the residential character of surrounding neighborhoods and increase nuisance activity, and that these unfavorable consequences could be avoided if short-term rentals are limited only to primary residences, such that the host continues to reside in the neighborhood for no less than 6 months out of the year. Accordingly, the Ordinance permits short-terms rentals only of a primary residence, and since the Fineman Property is not a primary residence, there should not have been any short-term rentals on the premises.
- 37. The Chens are squarely within the class of persons for whose protection the Home-Sharing Ordinance was adopted. The Chens are immediate neighbors. They are precisely the people the Ordinance was designed to protect. They are the ones who would most proximately suffer and in this situation have indeed suffered from the negative impacts of short-term rentals on the residential character of the neighborhood and increased nuisance activity.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(Against all Defendants for Negligence)

- 38. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference as if fully set forth here the allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 37.
- 39. The Finemans and DOE 1 owed Plaintiffs a duty to use care in the use, management, and maintenance of the Fineman Property; they also owed a duty because of the special relationship between neighbors of adjoining properties.
- 40. Finemans and DOE 1 were on notice of multiple problems and risks associated with the short-term rental of the Fineman Property prior to January 28, 2023. What happened in the early

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- morning hours on that date was foreseeable and could have been prevented had defendants not been negligent in their use, management, and maintenance of the Fineman Property.
 - 41. The Finemans and DOE 1 were negligent and breached the duties they owed to Plaintiffs.
 - 42. Plaintiffs were harmed.
- 43. The Finemans' and DOE 1's negligence was a substantial factor in causing Plaintiffs' harm.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

(Against all Defendants for Private Nuisance)

- 44. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference as if fully set forth here the allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 43.
 - 45. Plaintiffs suffered harm because the Finemans and DOE 1 created a private nuisance.
 - 46. Plaintiffs owned the property next door to the Fineman Property.
- 47. The Finemans and DOE 1, by acting or failing to act, created a condition or permitted a condition to exist that was harmful to health, indecent or offensive to the senses, and/or was an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property.
- 48. The Finemans' and DOE 1's conduct in acting or failing to act was intentional and unreasonable, or unintentional, but negligent or reckless.
- 49. The condition caused by Finemans' and DOE 1's conduct in acting or failing to act substantially interfered with Plaintiffs' use or enjoyment of their land.
- 50. An ordinary person would reasonably be annoyed or disturbed by the Finemans' and DOE 1's conduct.
 - 51. Plaintiffs did not consent to the Finemans' and DOE 1's conduct.
 - 52. Plaintiffs were harmed.
 - 53. The Finemans' and DOE 1's conduct was a substantial factor in causing Plaintiffs' harm.
- 54. The seriousness of the harm outweighs the public benefit of the Finemans' and DOE 1's conduct.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Against all Defendants for Public Nuisance)

- 55. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference as if fully set forth here the allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 54.
- 56. Plaintiffs claim that they suffered harm because the Finemans and DOE 1 created a public nuisance.
- 57. The Finemans and DOE 1, by acting or failing to act, created a condition or permitted a condition to exist that was harmful to health, was indecent or offensive to the senses, and/or was an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property.
- 58. The condition caused by Finemans' and DOE 1's conduct in acting or failing to act affected a substantial number of people at the same time, specifically the many neighbors residing in and around the cul-de-sac where the Fineman Property is located.
- 59. An ordinary person would be reasonably annoyed or disturbed by the condition caused by Finemans' and DOE 1's conduct.
- 60. The seriousness of the harm outweighs the social utility of the Finemans' and DOE 1's conduct.
 - 61. Plaintiffs did not consent to the Finemans' and DOE 1's conduct.
- 62. Plaintiffs suffered harm that was different from the type of harm suffered by the general public because Plaintiffs were next-door neighbors with the Fineman Property and were directly impacted by the disturbances at the Fineman Property, including in particular in the early morning of January 28, 2023, when, among other things, bullets hit their house, a bullet flew through one of their windows, and people were pounding on their door fleeing the scene.
 - 63. The Finemans' and DOE 1's conduct was a substantial factor in causing Plaintiffs' harm.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Plaintiffs pray for judgment against all defendants, jointly and severally, on each cause of action alleged in this Complaint, as follows:

- 1. For damages based on property damage, cost of installing security measures, loss in value of Plaintiffs' home, medical expenses, emotional distress, and lost earnings, in amount to be determined at trial;
- 2. For other general and special damages, in amount to be determined at trial;
- 3. For punitive damages;
- 4. For interest thereon at the legal rate;
- 5. For costs of suit;
- 6. For attorneys' fees and costs, as permitted by law; and
- 7. For such other and further relief that the Court deems proper.

Dated: September 5, 2023 COHEN WILLIAMS LLP

By:

Marc S. Williams

Attorneys for Plaintiffs Leon Chen and Sarah Chen

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- e) "Electronic Filing Service Provider" An Electronic Filing Service Provider (EFSP) is a person or entity that receives an electronic filing from a party for retransmission to the Court. In the submission of filings, the EFSP does so on behalf of the electronic filer and not as an agent of the Court. (California Rules of Court, rule 2.250(b)(8).)
- f) "Electronic Signature" For purposes of these local rules and in conformity with Code of Civil Procedure section 17, subdivision (b)(3), section 34, and section 1010.6, subdivision (b)(2), Government Code section 68150, subdivision (g), and California Rules of Court, rule 2.257, the term "Electronic Signature" is generally defined as an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with an electronic record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the electronic record.
- g) "Hyperlink" An electronic link providing direct access from one distinctively marked place in a hypertext or hypermedia document to another in the same or different document.
- h) "Portable Document Format" A digital document format that preserves all fonts, formatting, colors and graphics of the original source document, regardless of the application platform used.

2) MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING

- a) Trial Court Records
 - Pursuant to Government Code section 68150, trial court records may be created, maintained, and preserved in electronic format. Any document that the Court receives electronically must be clerically processed and must satisfy all legal filing requirements in order to be filed as an official court record (California Rules of Court, rules 2.100, et seq. and 2.253(b)(6)).
- b) Represented Litigants
 Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 2.253(b), represented litigants are required to
 electronically file documents with the Court through an approved EFSP.
- c) Public Notice
 - The Court has issued a Public Notice with effective dates the Court required parties to electronically file documents through one or more approved EFSPs. Public Notices containing effective dates and the list of EFSPs are available on the Court's website, at www.lacourt.org.

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d) Documents in Related Cases

Documents in related cases must be electronically filed in the eFiling portal for that case type if electronic filing has been implemented in that case type, regardless of whether the case has been related to a Civil case.

3) EXEMPT LITIGANTS

- a) Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 2.253(b)(2), self-represented litigants are exempt from mandatory electronic filing requirements.
- b) Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1010.6, subdivision (d)(3) and California Rules of Court, rule 2.253(b)(4), any party may make application to the Court requesting to be excused from filing documents electronically and be permitted to file documents by conventional means if the party shows undue hardship or significant prejudice.

4) EXEMPT FILINGS

- a) The following documents shall not be filed electronically:
 - Peremptory Challenges or Challenges for Cause of a Judicial Officer pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure sections 170.6 or 170.3;
 - ii) Bonds/Undertaking documents;
 - iii) Trial and Evidentiary Hearing Exhibits
 - iv) Any ex parte application that is filed concurrently with a new complaint including those that will be handled by a Writs and Receivers department in the Mosk courthouse; and
 - v) Documents submitted conditionally under seal. The actual motion or application shall be electronically filed. A courtesy copy of the electronically filed motion or application to submit documents conditionally under seal must be provided with the documents submitted conditionally under seal.

b) Lodgments

Documents attached to a Notice of Lodgment shall be lodged and/or served conventionally in paper form. The actual document entitled, "Notice of Lodgment," shall be filed electronically.

Multiple documents relating to one case can be uploaded in one envelope transaction.

h) Writs and Abstracts

Writs and Abstracts must be submitted as a separate electronic envelope.

i) Sealed Documents

If and when a judicial officer orders documents to be filed under seal, those documents must be filed electronically (unless exempted under paragraph 4); the burden of accurately designating the documents as sealed at the time of electronic submission is the submitting party's responsibility.

j) Redaction

Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 1.201, it is the submitting party's responsibility to redact confidential information (such as using initials for names of minors, using the last four digits of a social security number, and using the year for date of birth) so that the information shall not be publicly displayed.

7) ELECTRONIC FILING SCHEDULE

- a) Filed Date
 - i) Any document received electronically by the court between 12:00 am and 11:59:59 pm shall be deemed to have been effectively filed on that court day if accepted for filing. Any document received electronically on a non-court day, is deemed to have been effectively filed on the next court day if accepted. (California Rules of Court, rule 2.253(b)(6); Code Civ. Proc. § 1010.6(b)(3).)
 - ii) Notwithstanding any other provision of this order, if a digital document is not filed in due course because of: (1) an interruption in service; (2) a transmission error that is not the fault of the transmitter; or (3) a processing failure that occurs after receipt, the Court may order, either on its own motion or by noticed motion submitted with a declaration for Court consideration, that the document be deemed filed and/or that the document's filing date conform to the attempted transmission date.

8) EX PARTE APPLICATIONS

a) Ex parte applications and all documents in support thereof must be electronically filed no later than 10:00 a.m. the court day <u>before</u> the ex parte hearing.

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b) Any written opposition to an ex parte application must be electronically filed by 8:30 a.m. the day of the ex parte hearing. A printed courtesy copy of any opposition to an ex parte application must be provided to the court the day of the ex parte hearing.

9) PRINTED COURTESY COPIES

- a) For any filing electronically filed two or fewer days before the hearing, a courtesy copy must be delivered to the courtroom by 4:30 p.m. the same business day the document is efiled. If the efiling is submitted after 4:30 p.m., the courtesy copy must be delivered to the courtroom by 10:00 a.m. the next business day.
- b) Regardless of the time of electronic filing, a printed courtesy copy (along with proof of electronic submission) is required for the following documents:
 - i) Any printed document required pursuant to a Standing or General Order;
 - Pleadings and motions (including attachments such as declarations and exhibits) of 26
 pages or more;
 - iii) Pleadings and motions that include points and authorities;
 - iv) Demurrers;
 - v) Anti-SLAPP filings, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 425.16;
 - vi) Motions for Summary Judgment/Adjudication; and
 - vii) Motions to Compel Further Discovery.
- c) Nothing in this General Order precludes a Judicial Officer from requesting a courtesy copy of additional documents. Courtroom specific courtesy copy guidelines can be found at www.lacourt.org on the Civil webpage under "Courtroom Information."

(10) WAIVER OF FEES AND COSTS FOR ELECTRONICALLY FILED DOCUMENTS

- a) Fees and costs associated with electronic filing must be waived for any litigant who has received a fee waiver. (California Rules of Court, rules 2.253(b)(), 2.258(b), Code Civ. Proc. § 1010.6(d)(2).)
- b) Fee waiver applications for waiver of court fees and costs pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1010.6, subdivision (b)(6), and California Rules of Court, rule 2.252(f), may be electronically filed in any authorized action or proceeding.

11) SIGNATURES ON ELECTRONIC FILING

For purposes of this General Order, all electronic filings must be in compliance with California Rules of Court, rule 2.257. This General Order applies to documents filed within the Civil Division of the Los Angeles County Superior Court.

This First Amended General Order supersedes any previous order related to electronic filing, and is effective immediately, and is to remain in effect until otherwise ordered by the Civil Supervising Judge and/or Presiding Judge.

DATED: May 3, 2019



KEVIN C. BRAZILE Presiding Judge

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NOTICE OF CASE ASSIGNMENT UNLIMITED CIVIL CASE	David W. Slayton, Executive Officer / Clerk of Court By: C. Coleman Deputy
Your case is assigned for all purposes to the judicial officer indicated below.	CASE NUMBER: 23SMCV04182

THIS FORM IS TO BE SERVED WITH THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

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~	Edward B. Moreton, Jr.	205					

Given to the Plaintiff/Cross-Complainant/Attorney of Record David W. Slayton, Executive Officer / Clerk of Court on 09/07/2023

By C. Coleman , Deputy Clerk (Date)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDLING UNLIMITED CIVIL CASES

The following critical provisions of the California Rules of Court, Title 3, Division 7, as applicable in the Superior Court, are summarized for your assistance.

APPLICATION

The Division 7 Rules were effective January 1, 2007. They apply to all general civil cases.

PRIORITY OVER OTHER RULES

The Division 7 Rules shall have priority over all other Local Rules to the extent the others are inconsistent.

CHALLENGE TO ASSIGNED JUDGE

A challenge under Code of Civil Procedure Section 170.6 must be made within **15** days after notice of assignment for all purposes to a judge, or if a party has not yet appeared, within 15 days of the first appearance.

TIME STANDARDS

Cases assigned to the Independent Calendaring Courts will be subject to processing under the following time standards:

COMPLAINTS

All complaints shall be served within 60 days of filing and proof of service shall be filed within 90 days.

CROSS-COMPLAINTS

Without leave of court first being obtained, no cross-complaint may be filed by any party after their answer is filed. Cross-complaints shall be served within 30 days of the filing date and a proof of service filed within 60 days of the filing date.

STATUS CONFERENCE

A status conference will be scheduled by the assigned Independent Calendar Judge no later than 270 days after the filing of the complaint. Counsel must be fully prepared to discuss the following issues: alternative dispute resolution, bifurcation, settlement, trial date, and expert witnesses.

FINAL STATUS CONFERENCE

The Court will require the parties to attend a final status conference not more than 10 days before the scheduled trial date. All parties shall have motions in limine, bifurcation motions, statements of major evidentiary issues, dispositive motions, requested form jury instructions, special jury instructions, and special jury verdicts timely filed and served prior to the conference. These matters may be heard and resolved at this conference. At least five days before this conference, counsel must also have exchanged lists of exhibits and witnesses, and have submitted to the court a brief statement of the case to be read to the jury panel as required by Chapter Three of the Los Angeles Superior Court Rules.

SANCTIONS

The court will impose appropriate sanctions for the failure or refusal to comply with Chapter Three Rules, orders made by the Court, and time standards or deadlines established by the Court or by the Chapter Three Rules. Such sanctions may be on a party, or if appropriate, on counsel for a party.

This is not a complete delineation of the Division 7 or Chapter Three Rules, and adherence only to the above provisions is therefore not a guarantee against the imposition of sanctions under Trial Court Delay Reduction. Careful reading and compliance with the actual Chapter Rules is imperative.

Class Actions

Pursuant to Local Rule 2.3, all class actions shall be filed at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse and are randomly assigned to a complex judge at the designated complex courthouse. If the case is found not to be a class action it will be returned to an Independent Calendar Courtroom for all purposes.

*Provisionally Complex Cases

Cases filed as provisionally complex are initially assigned to the Supervising Judge of complex litigation for determination of complex status. If the case is deemed to be complex within the meaning of California Rules of Court 3.400 et seq., it will be randomly assigned to a complex judge at the designated complex courthouse. If the case is found not to be complex, it will be returned to an Independent Calendar Courtroom for all purposes.

VOLUNTARY EFFICIENT LITIGATION STIPULATIONS



Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles



Los Angeles County Bar Association Litigation Section

Los Angeles County Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Section



Consumer Attorneys
Association of Los Angeles



Southern California Defense Counsel





California Employment Lawyers Association The Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation, Discovery Resolution Stipulation, and Motions in Limine Stipulation are voluntary stipulations entered into by the parties. The parties may enter into one, two, or all three of the stipulations; however, they may not alter the stipulations as written, because the Court wants to ensure uniformity of application. These stipulations are meant to encourage cooperation between the parties and to assist in resolving issues in a manner that promotes economic case resolution and judicial efficiency.

The following organizations endorse the goal of promoting efficiency in litigation and ask that counsel consider using these stipulations as a voluntary way to promote communications and procedures among counsel and with the court to fairly resolve issues in their cases.

- **♦**Los Angeles County Bar Association Litigation Section**♦**
 - ◆ Los Angeles County Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Section◆
 - **♦**Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles**♦**
 - **♦**Southern California Defense Counsel**♦**
 - **♦**Association of Business Trial Lawyers**♦**
 - **♦**California Employment Lawyers Association **♦**

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STIPULATION - EARLY ORG		

This stipulation is intended to encourage cooperation among the parties at an early stage in the litigation and to assist the parties in efficient case resolution.

The parties agree that:

- 1. The parties commit to conduct an initial conference (in-person or via teleconference or via videoconference) within 15 days from the date this stipulation is signed, to discuss and consider whether there can be agreement on the following:
 - a. Are motions to challenge the pleadings necessary? If the issue can be resolved by amendment as of right, or if the Court would allow leave to amend, could an amended complaint resolve most or all of the issues a demurrer might otherwise raise? If so, the parties agree to work through pleading issues so that a demurrer need only raise issues they cannot resolve. Is the issue that the defendant seeks to raise amenable to resolution on demurrer, or would some other type of motion be preferable? Could a voluntary targeted exchange of documents or information by any party cure an uncertainty in the pleadings?
 - Initial mutual exchanges of documents at the "core" of the litigation. (For example, in an employment case, the employment records, personnel file and documents relating to the conduct in question could be considered "core." In a personal injury case, an incident or police report, medical records, and repair or maintenance records could be considered "core.");
 - c. Exchange of names and contact information of witnesses;
 - d. Any insurance agreement that may be available to satisfy part or all of a judgment, or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy a judgment;
 - e. Exchange of any other information that might be helpful to facilitate understanding, handling, or resolution of the case in a manner that preserves objections or privileges by agreement;
 - f. Controlling issues of law that, if resolved early, will promote efficiency and economy in other phases of the case. Also, when and how such issues can be presented to the Court;
 - g. Whether or when the case should be scheduled with a settlement officer, what discovery or court ruling on legal issues is reasonably required to make settlement discussions meaningful, and whether the parties wish to use a sitting judge or a private mediator or other options as

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	discussed in the "Alternative Dispute complaint;	e Resolution (ADR) Information Package" served with the				
h.	Computation of damages, including documents, not privileged or protected from disclosure, on which such computation is based;					
i.	Whether the case is suitable for the Expedited Jury Trial procedures (see information at www.lacourt.org under "Civil" and then under "General Information").					
2.	The time for a defending party to respond to a complaint or cross-complaint will be extended to for the complaint, and for the cross (INSERT DATE) for the cross (INSERT DATE) complaint, which is comprised of the 30 days to respond under Government Code § 68616(b), and the 30 days permitted by Code of Civil Procedure section 1054(a), good cause having been found by the Civil Supervising Judge due to the case management benefits provided by this Stipulation. A copy of the General Order can be found at www.lacourt.org under "Civil", click on "General Information", then click on "Voluntary Efficient Litigation Stipulations".					
3.	The parties will prepare a joint report titled "Joint Status Report Pursuant to Initial Conference and Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation, and if desired, a proposed order summarizing results of their meet and confer and advising the Court of any way it may assist the parties' efficient conduct or resolution of the case. The parties shall attach the Joint Status Report to the Case Management Conference statement, and file the documents when the CMC statement is due.					
4.	References to "days" mean calendar days, unless otherwise noted. If the date for performing any act pursuant to this stipulation falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Court holiday, then the time for performing that act shall be extended to the next Court day					
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STIPULATION - DISCOVERY	CASE NUMBER:	

This stipulation is intended to provide a fast and informal resolution of discovery issues through limited paperwork and an informal conference with the Court to aid in the resolution of the issues.

The parties agree that:

- 1. Prior to the discovery cut-off in this action, no discovery motion shall be filed or heard unless the moving party first makes a written request for an Informal Discovery Conference pursuant to the terms of this stipulation.
- At the Informal Discovery Conference the Court will consider the dispute presented by parties and determine whether it can be resolved informally. Nothing set forth herein will preclude a party from making a record at the conclusion of an Informal Discovery Conference, either orally or in writing.
- 3. Following a reasonable and good faith attempt at an informal resolution of each issue to be presented, a party may request an Informal Discovery Conference pursuant to the following procedures:
 - a. The party requesting the Informal Discovery Conference will:
 - File a Request for Informal Discovery Conference with the clerk's office on the approved form (copy attached) and deliver a courtesy, conformed copy to the assigned department;
 - ii. Include a brief summary of the dispute and specify the relief requested; and
 - iii. Serve the opposing party pursuant to any authorized or agreed method of service that ensures that the opposing party receives the Request for Informal Discovery Conference no later than the next court day following the filing.
 - b. Any Answer to a Request for Informal Discovery Conference must:
 - i. Also be filed on the approved form (copy attached);
 - ii. Include a brief summary of why the requested relief should be denied;

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- iii. Be filed within two (2) court days of receipt of the Request; and
- iv. Be served on the opposing party pursuant to any authorized or agreed upon method of service that ensures that the opposing party receives the Answer no later than the next court day following the filing.
- c. No other pleadings, including but not limited to exhibits, declarations, or attachments, will be accepted.
- d. If the Court has not granted or denied the Request for Informal Discovery Conference within ten (10) days following the filing of the Request, then it shall be deemed to have been denied. If the Court acts on the Request, the parties will be notified whether the Request for Informal Discovery Conference has been granted or denied and, if granted, the date and time of the Informal Discovery Conference, which must be within twenty (20) days of the filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference.
- e. If the conference is not held within twenty (20) days of the filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference, unless extended by agreement of the parties and the Court, then the Request for the Informal Discovery Conference shall be deemed to have been denied at that time.
- 4. If (a) the Court has denied a conference or (b) one of the time deadlines above has expired without the Court having acted or (c) the Informal Discovery Conference is concluded without resolving the dispute, then a party may file a discovery motion to address unresolved issues.
- 5. The parties hereby further agree that the time for making a motion to compel or other discovery motion is tolled from the date of filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference until (a) the request is denied or deemed denied or (b) twenty (20) days after the filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference, whichever is earlier, unless extended by Order of the Court.
 - It is the understanding and intent of the parties that this stipulation shall, for each discovery dispute to which it applies, constitute a writing memorializing a "specific later date to which the propounding [or demanding or requesting] party and the responding party have agreed in writing," within the meaning of Code Civil Procedure sections 2030.300(c), 2031.320(c), and 2033.290(c).
- 6. Nothing herein will preclude any party from applying *ex parte* for appropriate relief, including an order shortening time for a motion to be heard concerning discovery.
- 7. Any party may terminate this stipulation by giving twenty-one (21) days notice of intent to terminate the stipulation.
- 8. References to "days" mean calendar days, unless otherwise noted. If the date for performing any act pursuant to this stipulation falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Court holiday, then the time for performing that act shall be extended to the next Court day.

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(pursuant to the Discovery Resolution Stipulation of the parties)

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This stipulation is intended to provide fast and informal resolution of evidentiary issues through diligent efforts to define and discuss such issues and limit paperwork.

The parties agree that:

- At least ____ days before the final status conference, each party will provide all other parties with a list containing a one paragraph explanation of each proposed motion in limine. Each one paragraph explanation must identify the substance of a single proposed motion in limine and the grounds for the proposed motion.
- 2. The parties thereafter will meet and confer, either in person or via teleconference or videoconference, concerning all proposed motions in limine. In that meet and confer, the parties will determine:
 - a. Whether the parties can stipulate to any of the proposed motions. If the parties so stipulate, they may file a stipulation and proposed order with the Court.
 - b. Whether any of the proposed motions can be briefed and submitted by means of a short joint statement of issues. For each motion which can be addressed by a short joint statement of issues, a short joint statement of issues must be filed with the Court 10 days prior to the final status conference. Each side's portion of the short joint statement of issues may not exceed three pages. The parties will meet and confer to agree on a date and manner for exchanging the parties' respective portions of the short joint statement of issues and the process for filing the short joint statement of issues.
- All proposed motions in limine that are not either the subject of a stipulation or briefed via a short joint statement of issues will be briefed and filed in accordance with the California Rules of Court and the Los Angeles Superior Court Rules.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

General Order Re)	ORDER PURSUANT TO CCP 1054(a)
Use of Voluntary Efficient Litigation)	EXTENDING TIME TO RESPOND BY
Stipulations)	30 DAYS WHEN PARTIES AGREE
)	TO EARLY ORGANIZATIONAL
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Whereas the Los Angeles Superior Court and the Executive Committee of the Litigation Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association have cooperated in drafting "Voluntary Efficient Litigation Stipulations" and in proposing the stipulations for use in general jurisdiction civil litigation in Los Angeles County;

Whereas the Los Angeles County Bar Association Litigation Section; the Los Angeles County Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Section; the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles; the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel; the Association of Business Trial Lawyers of Los Angeles; and the California Employment Lawyers Association all "endorse the goal of promoting efficiency in litigation, and ask that counsel consider using these stipulations as a voluntary way to promote communications and procedures among counsel and with the court to fairly resolve issues in their cases;"

cooperation among the parties at an early stage in litigation in order to achieve

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Whereas, in order to promote a meaningful discussion of pleading issues at the

litigation efficiencies;

a pleading "upon good cause shown";

Early Organizational Meeting and potentially to reduce the need for motions to challenge the pleadings, it is necessary to allow additional time to conduct the Early Organizational Meeting before the time to respond to a complaint or cross complaint has expired;

Whereas Code of Civil Procedure section 1054(a) allows a judge of the court in

will promote economic case resolution and judicial efficiency;

Now, therefore, this Court hereby finds that there is good cause to extend for 30 days the time to respond to a complaint or to a cross complaint in any action in which the parties have entered into the Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation. This finding of good cause is based on the anticipated judicial efficiency and benefits of economic case resolution that the Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation is intended to promote.

which an action is pending to extend for not more than 30 days the time to respond to

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, in any case in which the parties have entered into an Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation, the time for a defending party to respond to a complaint or cross complaint shall be extended by the 30 days permitted

by Code of Civil Procedure section 1054(a) without further need of a specific court order. Carolyn B. Kuhl Supervising Judge of the Civil Departments, Los Angeles Superior Court

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NOTICE OF CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE	CASE NUMBER: 23SMCV04182

TO THE PLAINTIFF(S)/ATTORNEY(S) FOR PLAINTIFF(S) OF RECORD:

You are ordered to serve this notice of hearing on all parties/attorneys of record forthwith, and meet and confer with all parties/attorneys of record about the matters to be discussed no later than 30 days before the Case Management Conference.

Your Case Management Conference has been scheduled at the courthouse address shown above on:

Date: 03/05/2024 Time: 8:30 AM Dept.: 205

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: THE SETTING OF THE CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE DOES NOT EXEMPT THE DEFENDANT FROM FILING A RESPONSIVE PLEADING AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rules 3.720-3.730, a completed Case Management Statement (Judicial Council form # CM-110) must be filed at least 15 calendar days prior to the Case Management Conference. The Case Management Statement may be filed jointly by all parties/attorneys of record or individually by each party/attorney of record. You must be familiar with the case and be fully prepared to participate effectively in the Case Management Conference.

At the Case Management Conference, the Court may make pretrial orders including the following, but not limited to, an order establishing a discovery schedule; an order referring the case to Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR); an order reclassifying the case; an order setting subsequent conference and the trial date; or other orders to achieve the goals of the Trial Court Delay Reduction Act (Gov. Code, § 68600 et seq.)

Notice is hereby given that if you do not file the Case Management Statement or appear and effectively participate at the Case Management Conference, the Court may impose sanctions, pursuant to LASC Local Rule 3.37, Code of Civil Procedure sections 177.5, 575.2, 583.150, 583.360 and 583.410, Government Code section 68608, subdivision (b), and California Rules of Court, rule 2.2 et seq.

Dated: 09/07/2023	Judicial Officer

	Judicial Officer
C	ertificate of service Edward B. Moreton, Jr. / Judge
	rt of the above-entitled court, do hereby certify that I am not a party to the e of Case Management Conference upon each party or counsel named below:
by depositing in the United States mail at the co- filed herein in a separate sealed envelope to ea	ourthouse in Beverly Hills, California, one copy of the original ch address as shown below with the postage thereon fully prepaid.
 □ by personally giving the party notice upon filing of Marc S Williams, Esq 724 S Spring Street Suite 903 	of the complaint.
Los Angeles, CA 90014	David W. Slayton, Executive Officer / Clerk of Court
Dated: <u>09/07/2023</u>	By <u>C. Coleman</u> Deputy Clerk

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DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT:	
MARC FINEMAN, an individual, et al.	
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING	CASE NUMBER: 23SMCV04182

I, the below-named Executive Officer/Clerk of the above-entitled court, do hereby certify that I am not a party to the cause herein, and that on this date I served the Notice of Case Management Conference upon each party or counsel named below by placing the document for collection and mailing so as to cause it to be deposited in the United States mail at the courthouse in Beverly Hills, California, one copy of the original filed/entered herein in a separate sealed envelope to each address as shown below with the postage thereon fully prepaid, in accordance with standard court practices.

Marc S Williams, Esq COHEN WILLIAMS LLP 724 S Spring Street Suite 903 Los Angeles, CA 90014

Dated: 09/7/2023

David W. Slayton, Executive Officer / Clerk of Court

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Summary

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Participants

Litigants Attorneys

CHEN LEON

Plaintiff CHEN SARAH

Plaintiff

AVITAL FINEMAN A CO-TRUSTEE OF FINEMAN FAMILY

TRUST **Defendant**

FINEMAN AN INDIVIDUAL AVITAL

Defendant

FINEMAN AN INDIVIDUAL MARC

Defendant

MARC FINEMAN A CO-TRUSTEE OF FINEMAN FAMILY

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Defendant

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Schedule

Date Location Subject

03/05/2024 at 08:30 AM in Department 205 at 9355 Burton Way, Beverly Hills, CA 90210 Case Management Conference

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